



"He is Dead!" Quest Declared.

Its collar and levers. The professor watched her. Slowly his face changed. The benevolence faded away, his teeth for a moment showed in something which was almost a snarl.

"You believe me?" he cried, turning to Quest. "You are not going to try that horrible thing on me—Professor Lord Ashleigh? I am all broken up. I am not fit for it. Look at my hands, how they shake."

"Professor," Quest said, sternly, "we are surrounded by the shadow of some terrible deeds for which as yet there is no explanation. I do not say that we mistrust you, but I ask you to submit to this test."

"I refuse!" the professor replied, harshly.

"And I insist," Quest muttered.

The professor drew a little breath. He sat back in his chair. His face became still, his lips were drawn closely together. Lenora wheeled up the machine and with deft fingers adjusted the fittings on one side. Quest himself connected it up on the other. The professor sat there like a figure of stone. The silence in the room was so intense that the ticking of the small clock upon the mantel piece was clearly audible. The very atmosphere seemed charged with the thrill and wonder of it. Never before had Quest met with resistance so complete and immovable. Sternly he concentrated the whole of his will power upon his task. Almost at once there was a change. The professor fell back in the chair. The tense self-control had passed from his features, his lips twitched. Simultaneously, the mirror for a moment was clouded—then slowly a picture upon it gathered outline and substance. There was a jungle, strange, tall trees, and brushwood so thick that it reached to the waists of the two men who were slowly making their way through it. One was the professor, clearly recognizable under his white sun helmet; the other a stranger to all of them. Suddenly they stopped. The latter had crept a yard or so ahead, his gun raised to his shoulder, his eyes fixed upon some possible object of pursuit. There was a sudden change in the professor. They saw him seize his gun by the barrel and whirl it above his head. He seemed suddenly to lose his whole identity. He crouched on his haunches, almost like an animal, and sprang at the other's throat. They could almost hear the snarl from his lips as the two men went down together into the undergrowth. The picture faded away.

"Doctor Merrill!" Lenora faltered. "Then it was not wild beasts which killed him."

Almost immediately figures again appeared in the mirror. There was a small passage which seemed to lead from the back entrance of a house; the professor, with a black mantle, Craig followed him, pleading, expostulating. They saw the conservatory for a minute, and then blackness. The professor was leaning against a marble basin. There was nothing to be seen of him but his eyes and hands. They saw him listen for a moment or two in cold, unresponsive silence, then stretch out his hand and push Craig away. The picture glowed and faded and glowed again. Then they saw through the gloom the figure of a woman approach, a diamond necklace around her neck. They saw the hands steal out and encircle her throat—and then more darkness, silence, obscurity. The mirror was empty once more.

"Mrs. Rheinhold's jewels!" Lenora cried. "What next? Oh! my God, what next?"

Their eyes ached with the strain, but there was not one of them who could even glance away from the mirror. It was Quest's study which slowly appeared then. The Salvation Army girl was there, talking to the professor. They saw him leave her, they saw him look back from the door, a strange, evil glance. Then the secretary entered and spoke to her. Once more the door opened. The hands were there, stretching and reaching, a paper-weight gripped in the right-hand fingers. They saw it raised above the secretary's head, they saw the other hand take the girl by the throat and push her towards the table. A wild scream broke from Lenora's lips. Quest wavered for a

Quest held up the paper. They all read. The professor's letters were carefully formed, his handwriting perfectly legible:

"You have been a clever opponent, Sanford Quest, but even now you are to be cheated. The wisdom of the ages outreaches yours, outreaches it and triumphs."

Quest looked up quickly. "What the devil does he mean?" he muttered.

The professor's arms shot suddenly above his head. Agah, that strange animal look convulsed his features. He burst into a loud, unnatural laugh.

"Mean, you fool?" he cried, holding out his wrist, which was slowly turning black. "Poisoned! That is what it means!"

They all stared at him. Quest seized the ink bottle, revealed the false top and laid it down again with a little exclamation. Then, before they could realize it the end came. The professor lay, a crumpled-up heap, upon the floor.

Quest swung round in his chair as French entered the room and held out his left hand.

"Glad to see you, French. Help yourself to a cigar."

"I don't know as I want to smoke this morning just at present, thank you," French replied.

"Nothing wrong, eh?"

"The fact of it is," French explained, "I should like a few words with Miss Laura."

Quest laughed shortly.

"Why on earth couldn't you say so?" he observed. "Never knew you so bashful before, Inspector. She's up in the laboratory. I'll ring for someone to show you the way."

Quest touched the bell and his new secretary entered almost at once.

"Take Inspector French up into the laboratory," Quest directed. See you later, French."

"Yes—perhaps—I hope so," the inspector replied nervously.

Quest watched him disappear with a puzzled smile. Then he sat down at his desk, drew a sheet of paper towards him and began to write:

My Dear Inspector:

I am taking this opportunity of letting you know that out of deference to the wishes of the woman I hope soon to marry, I am abandoning the hazardous and nerve-racking profession of criminology for a safer and happier career. You will have, therefore, to find help elsewhere in the future.

With best wishes, Yours,

SANFORD QUEST.

He left the sheet of paper upon the desk and, ringing the bell, sent for Lenora. She appeared in a few moments and came over to his side.

"What is it, Mr. Quest?" she asked.

He gave her the letter without remark. She read it through and, turning slowly around, looked at him expectantly.

"How's that seem to you?" he asked, reaching out his hand for a cigar.

"Very sensible, indeed," she replied. "It's no sort of life, this, for a married man," Quest declared. "You



The Sound of a Human Voice Seemed to Produce a Strange Effect.

agree with me there, don't you, Lenora?"

"Yes!" she admitted, a little faintly.

The secretary entered the room, helped Quest on with his coat and handed him his hat.

"If you are quite ready, Lenora."

"Ready!" she exclaimed. "Where are we going?"

Quest sighed.

"Fancy having to explain all these things!" he said, taking her arm. "I just want you to understand, Lenora, that I've waited—quite long enough, Parkins," he added, turning to his secretary. "If anyone calls, just say that my wife and I will be back early in the afternoon. And you'd better step upstairs to the laboratory and give my compliments to Inspector French, and say that I hope he and Miss Laura will join us at Delmonico's for luncheon at one o'clock."

"Very good, sir," the man replied.

Lenora's face was suddenly transformed. She passed her arm through Quest's. He stooped and kissed her as he led her towards the door.

"You understand now, don't you?" he whispered, smiling down at her.

"I think so," she admitted, with a little sigh of content.

THE END.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

1st Insertion June 11
4th Insertion July 2

WAITING ORDER
State of Oklahoma, Bryan County.

In District Court, June Term, 1915.
Edith Robinson, Plaintiff,

vs.
No. 2202.

Guy Robinson, Defendant.

The defendant, Guy Robinson, is hereby notified that he has been sued by Edith Robinson, and must answer the petition filed by the plaintiff on or before the 7th day of July, 1915, or the petition will be taken as true and judgment for the said plaintiff for divorce and the custody of the said child will be rendered accordingly.

Witness my official seal and signature this 7th day of June, 1915.
(Seal)

W. A. Jones, Clerk.
By Lacy Grimes, Deputy.
Geo. F. Deek, Attorney for Plaintiff.

1st Insertion June 11
3rd Insertion June 25

PUBLIC AUCTION INDIAN LAND SALE.

The following allotted Indian land will be offered for sale at Public Auction in the office of the Acting Field Clerk, Madill, Oklahoma, at two o'clock p. m., Tuesday, July 6, 1915:

Case No. 2777, Allee Sam, nee Austin, Miss. Choctaw Roll No. 246, 80 acres, NE4 of NE4; NE4 of NW4 of SE4; SE4 of SW4 of NE4; SE4 of SE4 of NW4 of Section 8, Twp. 7 South, Range 11 East, in Bryan County, Timber bottom land, 70 acres (illable); extra good soil, some sandy; 4 miles from Baskin, Okla. Appraisal \$1250.00. Terms 1/2 cash, balance in six and 12 months.

Title to be taken in its present condition.

Ten per cent of the highest bid must be deposited in the hands of the Field Representative on the day of the sale in the form of a bank draft payable to W. M. Baker, Cashier and Special Disbursing Agent, Five Civilized Tribes, the remainder of the purchase price to be paid within ten days of said date.

Written bids, accompanied by ten per cent of the amount thereof, if received by the Field Representative prior to the hour of sale given above, will be opened and considered at the time of sale the same as if the bidder made such offer orally. Such written bids may be presented to the Field Representative or mailed to him at the above address.

No bids for less than the appraised value will be considered.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

GABE E. PARKER,
Superintendent for the Five Civilized Tribes.

Muskogee, Oklahoma, June 4, 1915.

1st Insertion May 21, 1915
5th Insertion June 18, 1915

Notice of Sheriff's Sale of Land.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT in pursuance of an Order of Sale issued out of the District Court of LeFlore County, Oklahoma, on the 17 day of May, A. D. 1915, in an action lately pending therein, wherein the Merchants Loan & Trust Company, was Plaintiff, and Jasper N. Freeman, and Jasper N. Freeman, as Administrator of the estate of Maria J. Freeman, deceased, were the Defendants, directed to me, the undersigned Sheriff of Bryan County, Oklahoma, commanding me to levy upon, advertise and sell, without appraisal, the following described real estate and premises located in Bryan County, Oklahoma, to-wit:

The West half of Northwest quarter of Northwest quarter of Section Twenty-one (21), Township Seven (7) South, Range Nine (9) East, of the Indian Base and Meridian, being Twenty

(20) acres of land;

to satisfy a judgment and decree of foreclosure in favor of the said above named Plaintiff and against the said above named Defendants, obtained and rendered in the said Court on the 16th day of November, A. D. 1914, for the sum of Five Hundred Forty-four and 10/100 (\$544.50) Dollars, with interest thereon from date of said judgment until paid at the rate of Ten per cent. per annum, together with all costs, including an Attorney's fee taxed therein, and accruing costs, I will, on the 21 day of June, A. D. 1915, at the hour of 2 o'clock P. M. on said date, at the front door of the County Court House in the said County of Bryan, City of Durant, State of Oklahoma, offer for sale, and sell to the highest and best bidder, at Public Auction, and for cash in hand, the said property above described, for the purpose of satisfying the said Judgment, interest and costs, and costs of sale.

WITNESS MY HAND AS SHERIFF OF said Bryan County, State of Oklahoma, on this 19 day of May, A. D. 1915.

John A. Phillips,
Sheriff of Bryan County, Oklahoma.

By Dave Wright, Deputy.

First Insertion June 4
Third Insertion June 18

MABEL ENGMAN, Plaintiff,

vs.
FRED ENGMAN, Defendant.

Notice by Publication

The defendant, Fred Engman, will take notice that he has been sued in the above named court by the plaintiff, Mabel Engman, asking a decree of divorce from the said defendant, Fred Engman, and the custody of their minor child, Jack Engman, and that the said defendant, Fred Eng-

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

1st Insertion June 11
3rd Insertion June 25

State of Oklahoma, County of Bryan, ss.

In the County Court.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the following Guardians and Administrators have filed their final reports and petitions for the distribution of estates and asking that they be discharged:

That said reports and petitions for said distribution of estates will come on for a hearing at the July, 1915, term of this Court on the 14th day of July, A. D. 1915, and all parties interested therein will appear on or before said date and file their objections to said reports and petitions for distribution of estates, if they desire, to the confirmation thereof.

Administrators

No. 50 Albert Matoy, Administrator of Mary A. Matoy, deceased.

150 B. M. Fowler, Guardian of Adolphus Willis, a minor.

196 W. M. Patterson, Guardian of Dorothea A. Patterson, a minor.

225 J. J. Robinson, Guardian of Billy Robinson, a minor.

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717 Charles E. Strickland, Guardian of David Strickland, a minor.

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1064 Peter Grisham, Guardian of Seymour Williams, a minor.

1167 E. W. Morrison, Guardian of Elva Morrison, a minor.

1181 A. Neely, Guardian of Nella Corrine Cooney, a minor.

1181 A. Neely, Guardian of Myrtle Cooney, a minor.

1181 A. Neely, Guardian of Frank Cooney, a minor.

1490 J. A. Parkey, Guardian of Lula Johnson, a minor.

1636 Mary E. Hunt, Guardian of Sada E. and Ester L. Hunt, minors.

1652 N. B. McClure, Guardian of Horace Clay McClure, a minor.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at Durant, on this 10th day of June, A. D. 1915.

(SEAL) W. A. JONES,
Lacy Grimes, Deputy. Court Clerk.

1st Insertion June 11
5th Insertion July 9

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to special execution issued by the County Court of Bryan County, Oklahoma, in the case of The American Investment Company vs. Ezra W. Morrison and Ella G. Morrison, the undersigned will on the twelfth day of July, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and at the East entrance of the Bryan County Court House, at Durant, Oklahoma, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described lands and premises, to-wit:

The east half half of the

southeast quarter and the south half of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter, and the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 17, Township 8 South, Range 7 East, of the Indian Base and Meridian, Bryan County, Oklahoma.

Said lands being sold without appraisal, and subject to a prior mortgage of Fifteen Hundred (\$1,500.00) Dollars, together with all accrued interest on said mortgage, said lands being sold pursuant to Judgment of foreclosure rendered in said cause in the District Court, Bryan County, Oklahoma, on the 19th day of October, 1914, wherein plaintiff was given judgment against the defendants for One Hundred Fifty (\$150.00) Dollars, and interest at 10 per cent from December 1st, 1914, and all costs, and mortgage of the plaintiff on said property was foreclosed and same ordered sold in satisfaction thereof.

Signed this May 31st, 1915.

JOHN A. PHILLIPS,
Sheriff Bryan County, Oklahoma.
By Dave Wright, Deputy.

HATCHETT & FRIGUSON, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

1st Insertion June 11
3rd Insertion June 25

In the Matter of the Estate of W. A. Lewis, Deceased; Frank Lewis, Administrator.

ORDER SETTING PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE DOWN FOR HEARING

Now on this 13th day of June, 1915, the same being one of the regular days of the County Court of Bryan County, Oklahoma, at Durant, came Frank Lewis, administrator of the estate of W. A. Lewis, deceased, and filed herein his verified petition for the sale of certain real estate belonging to said estate, for the reasons and on the grounds set forth in said petition.

And said petition being in due form and properly verified, and it appearing to the Court that the sale of said lands and premises described therein is necessary and for the best interest of all persons in said estate, and the Court being fully advised:

It is ordered that said petition be and same is hereby set for hearing before this Court, at the County Court room of Bryan County, at Durant, on the third day of July, 1915, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon, at which time and place, any and all persons interested in said estate are directed to be present, and show cause, if any they have, why said lands and premises should not be ordered sold.

It is further ordered that due notice of said hearing be given as required by law.

J. L. RAPPOLFE,
County Judge.

1st Insertion June 18
4th Insertion July 9

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In re Estate of W. D. Coleman, deceased: Notice is hereby given that Ella L. Coleman, administratrix of the estate of W. D. Coleman, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against, said deceased, to present them with necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to Ella L. Coleman, at my house in West Durant, or to Porter Newman, at his office at 201-2 Main St., Durant, Oklahoma.

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